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Clinic's offer to host Covid-19 jabs 'ignored'



Walking route launched from railway station



Manager Paul McNally, left, and players celebrate their play-off triumph.

## We are going up!

Skelmersdale United win promotion in fine style

SKELMERSDALE United are celebrating winning promotion to the Northern Premier League West, after a thumping 5-1 win at Cinderford Town in Gloucestershire on Saturday in a promotion play-off match, cheered on by

hundreds of travelling fans.

Skem manager Paul McNally said he was proud of team and praised the fans for their "amazing support not just on Saturday but throughout the season."

Full report inside

# SUCCESS FOR MP IN BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE FIGHT

'I grew up with BSL as my first language so I saw the obstacles deaf people face every day'

Report by Henry James

BRITISH Sign Language has been legally recognised after a Bill, put before Parliament by West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper, received Royal Assent to become an Act of Law.

The Act recognises BSL as a language in its own right and places responsibility on the Government to provide improved guidance to public services and government departments on the use of BSL.

It will also see the launch of an advisory board of BSL users to offer guidance to the Department for Work and Pensions on how and when to use it and examine how to increase the number of BSL interpreters.

It follows a campaign spearheaded by Ms Cooper, whose parents were both deaf, to raise awareness of the difficulties that deaf people face.

Throughout its passage in Parliament,



Rosie Cooper MP

the Bill received universal support from MPs and Lords of all parties and passed unopposed.

Ms Cooper initially presented the Bill to Parliament in June 2021, after being drawn 20th of 20 MPs selected to present a bill in the Private Members Bill ballot. Being drawn later in the ballot gave Ms Cooper little chance of success, especially as an opposition MP.

She is now the first opposition MP in recent history to successfully guide a Bill through Parliament after being drawn last in the ballot.

Ms Cooper said: "I am delighted that at long last, deaf people will be able to say that their language is legally recognised."

"Campaigners have been fighting for this recognition to be placed in Law for years, so this is an incredible victory for deaf people across the country."

"The support this Bill received in Parliament has been amazing but was almost unimaginable just under a year ago when I was drawn last in the ballot."

"After months and months of campaigning with the deaf community, we now have a BSL Act that will improve the lives of sign language users for years to come."

"I grew up with BSL as my first language so I saw first-hand the unbelievable obstacles deaf people face in every day life."

"This legislation is a huge first step towards equal access to public services for anyone that relies on BSL, like my parents did."

"This is not the end of the fight, but the beginning. The collective voice of deaf people in the UK has been amplified, now I want them to use it!"

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# Could it be June for £150 energy rebate?

By Henry James

THE Borough Council must speed up their plans to get agreed financial support to local residents say Our West Lancashire, the council Independents, after news emerged that it could be June before the £150 energy rebate payment starts to be paid - much later than many other councils.

Our West Lancashire's chairman, Cllr Adrian Owens said: "To hear that it is likely to be June before the first payments of the £150 energy rebate are made is not good enough.

"The scheme was announced at the beginning of February and many residents are clearly already struggling with making ends meet. Something is wrong at West Lancashire when other councils are making payments around now.

"Residents are telling us that the council is quick to pass on the council tax increase and take increased monthly payments from people and yet asking why is it so slow to process this rebate.

"When so many local households are so financially hard-pressed, this area of the council's work should be a priority at this time. I have written to the council leader and finance portfolio holder asking that they get involved."

Cllr Owens concluded: "This delay is even more concerning when one considers that June is only the target date for the first payments. Those who don't pay council tax by direct debit could be waiting even longer. Also, councillors from all parties worked hard to create a £260,000 discretionary Household Support fund at February's council budget. This was intended to help households in need, including those not covered by the £150 rebate scheme. There is no sign at all of that scheme being launched. It's time the Council Leadership gave this whole area the attention and priority it needs."

A spokesperson for the borough council responded: "We thank residents for their patience - this is an issue many local authorities are facing. We want to reassure residents that we have now received the Government guidance on how to administer the complex and large-scale task of issuing the rebate and are working hard behind the scenes undertaking the necessary testing of new software. Once this has concluded, we will begin issuing payments as soon as we can. More information will be made available on our webpage once the scheme is finalised.

"The Council has also approved an additional £260K Council Tax support scheme to assist residents most effected by the cost of living crisis which will be issued during the 22/23 financial year."

## Band to perform in Hesketh Bank

HESKETH Bank Community Centre will be hosting Jacqui's Rhythm Katz every third Sunday of the month commencing on May 15.

Jacqui, who lives in Tarleton, will be bringing her famous seven-piece band and talented singers on a regular basis to

ensure that their loyal followers have continued access, as they have been looking for a new home since the pandemic.

Jacqui said: "We are really excited to move to our new home and we would like to thank everyone involved for

this opportunity."

Booking is essential and entrance is £5 per person. For more information, or to book, contact the Hesketh Bank Community Centre on [info@heskethbankcommunity-centre.org.uk](mailto:info@heskethbankcommunity-centre.org.uk) or call 07784 942127.

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Historia Normannis are shown taking over Ormskirk's Coronation Park for their Medieval re-enactment of the 12th century Fourth Crusade

## Medieval Festival on the way at park

PEOPLE will be able to find out what life was like in West Lancashire 900 years ago by coming along to the Ormskirk Medieval Festival at Coronation Park.

West Lancashire Borough Council have organised the free event on Saturday 14 and Sunday, May 15 with 12th Century re-enactment group Historia Normannis.

Together they will take visitors on a journey through time to experience the sights, smells, sounds and tastes of Norman England.

Simon Kirby, head of leisure and environment, said: "Make sure you don't miss this fantastic day out for all the family."

"With so many displays and attractions the Ormskirk Medieval Festival really has something for everyone, so come along and enjoy the fun."

Over the weekend the park in

Ormskirk will come alive with fabulous medieval-themed activities, entertainment and displays for people of all ages to enjoy from 11am to 5pm on both days.

Members of Historia Normannis will do battle in exciting combat displays and tournaments.

Visitors can try on the armour, take a closer look at the weapons and how they're made or even try their hand at archery.

Everyday life in the 12th Century will be featured with medieval cooking demonstrations and a fashion show to display the different styles of dress of the times.

There will also be displays of crafts, and other medieval-themed activities and stalls.

Hungry visitors will be able to enjoy a range of refreshments. There will also be donkey rides, face painting, children's rides, and a giant bouncy castle.

# Clinic's offer of help for use as Covid vaccination centre 'was ignored by local health authority'

Boss of town centre therapy facility says he wrote 'multiple times' to say venue could host jabs for vulnerable people

Report by **Henry James**

A CLINIC in Ormskirk says it offered the use of its facilities as a centre for Covid vaccinations but was ignored by the health authority.

The director of the Feel Good Centre in Ormskirk says he wrote "multiple times" to the health authority asking if they wanted to use his centre for vaccinations, but the offers were ignored.

Sushant Varma, the director of the Feel Good Centre in Knowsley Road, contacted the Champion after West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group was slammed by MP Rosie Cooper after over-75s in Ormskirk were told to travel elsewhere to get their Covid booster vaccinations.

Mr Varma said: "I was truly saddened to read this especially when I read the sub heading saying 'Vulnerable patients in Ormskirk were told to travel out of town to get their vaccinations.'"

"I am the director of the Feel Good centre on Knowsley Road Ormskirk. During the pandemic I wrote to the health authority multiple times offering our centre to be used for vaccination purposes.

"Our centre was once a doctor's surgery so I don't see any problems with it being suitable for vaccination of the public.

"I could easily make a couple of rooms available for vaccination on Monday to Friday and at weekends I could make the whole centre (bar one room) available knocking a huge dent in the waiting times for people needing vaccination.

"We are right in the middle of Ormskirk and we have parking.

"I never got a reply of any sort from the health authority and then I read your article and was deeply upset at its contents.

"Ultimately it has been the people of Ormskirk who have suffered as a result."

The CCG has admitted there was a "short



The Feel Good Centre in Ormskirk

lapse" in Ormskirk of vaccination options "whilst the vaccination clinic moved", but added, "there are now clinics available in Ormskirk once again."

A spokesperson for NHS West Lancashire CCG, responded: "Ormskirk residents have been provided with local vaccination options throughout the pandemic, and although there has been a short lapse whilst the vaccination clinic moved, there are now clinics available in Ormskirk once again. Details can be found on the dedicated COVID-19 section of the CCG's

website: [www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk](http://www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk) and across their Facebook and Twitter channels.

"Selecting sites for vaccinations requires complex specifications to be met in relation to the building's facilities, accessibility, suitability, availability, size, security and contractual requirements as well as infection control standards.

"We remain grateful to any individuals or organisations who offer their support with the ongoing vaccination programme."

## Gilbert & Sullivan shows return to village with show at new community centre

HESKETH Bank Community Centre will be hosting the Hoghton Players on Saturday, May 14, who will be performing the show 'Out and About with Gilbert & Sullivan.'

The evening will include excerpts from operas set in different locations (real and imaginary) around the world featuring solos, ensembles and choruses

from many of the most popular Gilbert & Sullivan operas (and a few bits from some of the less well-known ones!)

Steve Kirby, chair of Hesketh Bank Community Centre, said: "We are delighted to welcome back The Hoghton Players to Hesketh Bank and to our brand new community centre to continue a rela-

tionship we started in our old hall and before the pandemic."

Tickets are priced at £7, and will include tea and biscuits and there is also a bar.

For more information or to purchase tickets contact Hesketh Bank Community Centre on [info@hesketh-bankcommunitycentre.org.uk](mailto:info@hesketh-bankcommunitycentre.org.uk) or 07784 942127.

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## New walking route launched from village railway station

ARTWORK created by local children has been unveiled at Rufford Railway Station to promote a new walking route to Mere Sands Wood Nature Reserve.

Pupils of Rufford Church of England Primary School worked with artist Karen Allerton to create illustrations which feature in a walk leaflet, as well as being displayed in the cycle shelter and on new signs at the station.

Features include details of types of trees on the route, interesting facts and figures, local wildlife, hints and tips - and there is even a mention of the Rufford Station cat who pops by daily to enjoy treats from the team working onsite!

This route is the latest in a series of walks collated by Community Rail Lancashire. Each has an accompanying route map and video showcasing facts and figures about the places they pass through.

There was an official launch of Rufford School pupils' artwork on Friday, April 22, when children

were invited to see their pictures in situ.

Community Rail development officer Caroline Holden said: "The standard of the children's artwork is fantastic and was highly praised by Karen Allerton who worked with them on the leaflet."

"I also have to commend the enthusiasm of the Rufford Village Society who helped instigate this project with the primary school; it's been a really rewarding and collaborative process."

"Mere Sands Wood is owned by Lancashire Wildlife Trust and has 42 hectares of woodland, lakes and heaths. The 1.2-mile walk starting from the station is a little adventure in itself and the new leaflet will help people find their way and learn about Rufford as they pass through the area."

Victoria Mciver, from Lancashire Wildlife Trust said: "Mere Sands Wood is a fantastic haven for nature and a lovely place for families to visit. I'm sure this walk, and the children's beautiful artwork, will encourage even more people discover the area and all it has to offer."

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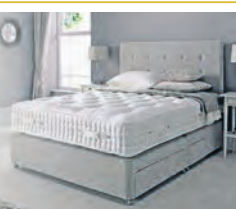
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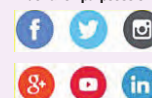
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## Eighth person charged with conspiracy to commit murder of man found dead in Skelmersdale

An EIGHTH man has been charged with conspiracy to commit the murder of Christopher Hughes, who was found dead in Skelmersdale earlier this year.

The 37-year-old was discovered just off White Moss Road South on Tuesday, February 22 2022.

A member of the public reported seeing a man being forced into the back of a vehicle on Almond Grove in the Worsley Hall area of Wigan on Friday, February 18. An investigation was launched and officers established that this was likely to be Christopher. Extensive enquiries to find him were on-going when his body was discovered.

Martin Smith, 33, of Laithwaite Road, Wigan, has now been charged and appeared at Wigan Magistrates' Court on Friday, April 29.

Seven other men have already been charged with the same offences in connection with the death, including:

- Alan Jaf (01/09/70) of Ridyard Street, Wigan
- Khalil Awla (01/01/74) of Greenwood Avenue, Wigan
- Erland Spahiu (13/10/88) of Uppingham, Skelmersdale
- Curtis Balbas (01/01/92) of Matheson Drive, Wigan



Christopher Hughes pictured with his mum, Susan

- Dean Smeaton O'Neill-Davey (12/08/92) of Bulteel Street, Wigan

- Mohammed Razgar, (01/01/1982), of Plane Avenue, Wigan

- Adrius Uzkuraitis (12/04/95) of Holly Road, Wigan

Anyone with information should contact police by phoning 0161 856 3400. Information can also be shared anonymously via the independent charity - Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

# Volunteers needed for garden project to help family of tragic mum

*Can you join in efforts to move 18 tonnes of soil - in a wheelbarrow - at Hesketh Bank home, this weekend?*

Report by **Tom Martin**

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help transform the Hesketh Bank garden of a dad and his three children after their mum tragically passed away on Boxing Day last year.

Kathryn Norman died aged just 33 after spending Christmas Day in Southport Hospital, leaving behind husband Mark and children Max, 11, Emily, eight, and Charlotte, four.

The care worker had been diagnosed with a clot in her lung, as well as stage four metastatic breast cancer - as reported in the Champion in January.

Friends and family of Kathryn are now looking to transform the garden for Mark and his children, but need local volunteers to help with the work at their home in Hesketh Bank.

Family friend, Chris Astley, is organising the project and needs help this weekend (May 7/8) from people who can help lift and carry the materials into the garden.

Chris said: "Mark is doing an absolutely marvellous job of bringing the three children up while carrying on being the bread winner and still managing to do all the

things necessary to give them a loving and as normal a life as possible. To help Mark and the kids in the school holidays the local business community, his friends and family are coming together to create a garden.

"To date over £5,000 of materials and products have been donated by Jewson and around 200 hours of local tradesman's time plus the volunteers.

"There is only a slim entry to the back garden and we have to get 18 tonnes of soil out and 16 tonnes of new material back in... all by wheelbarrow! So the more people, the merrier! If you can help out, please call me on 07920 111508."

Kat - as she was known - was a senior care assistant at The Hollies rest home on Mornington Road in Southport.

She had complained of pain in her side at the end of November before a GP referred her to A&E on November 24.



Kat and husband Mark with their three children

As well as being diagnosed with a clot in her lung, medics at Aintree Hospital were concerned in December that she had stage four metastatic breast cancer and planned treatment to start in the new year.

But Kat became increasingly breathless and by December 20, her oxygen levels had fallen to a really low level and she was taken by ambulance to Southport A&E.

On Christmas Eve, her family were told that she needed an invasive treatment to tackle the clot but then discovered it had already damaged her lungs and heart. Medics feared that she had either suffered a stroke or that the cancer had spread to her brain.

In the early hours of Boxing Day, medics tried to place her onto a ventilator but her heart couldn't cope and she tragically passed away.

## Johnson visit heralds local elections battle



Boris Johnson during his visit to the area

LOCAL elections will be held tomorrow (Thursday) across the country in the first major test of Boris Johnson's premiership since the start of the cost of living crisis, the war in Ukraine and Partygate.

Ahead of the elections, Mr Johnson paid a visit to South Ribble where he was joined by Conservative candidates who are standing for election in West Lancashire Borough Council's northern parishes.

South Ribble Tory MP Katherine Fletcher also joined Mr Johnson, along with candidates Ian Eccles for Hesketh-with-Becconsall, Linda Gresty for North Meols and John Mee for Tarleton for the visit which took place on Thursday, April 28.

Also standing in Hesketh-with-Becconsall is Melissa Parlour (Labour). Tony Lockie (Labour), Karen Taylor (Liberal Democrat) will be standing in North Meols, while also stand-

ing in Tarleton are Chris Houlihan (Labour), and Tina Stringfellow (Liberal Democrat)

West Lancashire Borough Council has been in no overall control since May 2021, with Labour the largest party with 23 seats. The Conservative Party currently has 19 seats, the Our West Lancashire Party has seven seats, there are

three Independent councillors and two vacancies.

In this year's borough council elections, there are 20 council seats up for election.

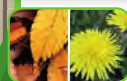
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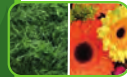
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# H'boro play to be performed at festival in L'pool

By **Tom Martin**

A FORMER Edge Hill University student will have his emotional play about the Hillsborough tragedy performed at the Little Liverpool Theatre Festival.

Tom Cain, from Birkdale, has written '97+' based on the 1989 disaster which caused the death of 97 Liverpool fans.

The play is set in 2012 and haunted by their memories, two Hillsborough survivors each deal with the trauma they suffered as young boys now as middle-aged men.

Tom has written and directed the play in collaboration with The Hillsborough Survivors Associ-



**Tom Cain**

ation and submitted his piece as an Edge Hill University Dissertation, achieving a First-Class BA Hons Degree in Drama.

The play will form part of the Little Liverpool Theatre Festival line-up, which will be held for seven days from May 2-8 in St Luke's Bombed Out Church.

Tom's '97+' will be performed this Sunday (May 8) at 8pm and tickets cost £14.

The festival, a sister event to the main Liverpool Theatre Festival, was founded by award winning Liverpool Theatre producer Bill Elms and is dedicated to nurturing up-and-coming talent and showcasing new works for the first time.

Last year the inaugural Little LTF attracted 1,200 festival-goers.

This year's plays were chosen from more than 30 entries by an experienced panel of industry professionals.

Media and industry professionals will be invited to see the shows first hand at the festival and accolades will also be given to outstanding productions in specific categories.

# West Lancs is fifth-least compliant for workplace health and safety

A TOTAL of 289 local authorities were put to the test in new data collated by safety solution company, Seton, to find out which areas nationally were the most and least compliant for workplace health and safety infringements.

Health and Safety Executive (HSE) infringement notice data from 2021 was cross-referenced against

the number of businesses in each area.

In West Lancs, there were 32 notices served through the year and 4,455 corporations in the local area, making them the fifth-least compliant.

In 2021, construction had the highest fatality rate, followed closely behind by the agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors.



# Martin Mere news

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# Lapwing chicks hatch at WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre

The call of the lapwing is an amazing evocative sound of the spring and summer. They whirl through the air crying, "pee-wit" declaring that this are of the field is theirs. Lapwings are beautiful waders with broad black wings that look like Ping-Pong bats, they have an iridescent green back and a long thin crest on their head.

Martin Mere is a great stronghold for the lapwings as we have nice short grass which they love for their nests so they can see any predators approaching. They normally lay 4 eggs and they are laid in a shallow depression in the grass. The eggs are amazingly camouflaged!! After 26 days the eggs hatch into the cutest chicks you've ever seen, little bundles of fluff. The chicks are self-reliant straight away and can feed themselves. They can be seen running around the grass and on the mud hunting for insects. Mum and dad will be nearby to brood the chicks if they are cold or chase off any predators.

We have around 30 pairs at Martin Mere and most years they fledge around 1 chick per pair which sounds low but is really good productivity for lapwing.

The reserve looks amazing at the moment, on woodend marsh there are lots of passage waders including common sandpipers, ruff in breeding plumage and dunlin. We have 3 pairs of marsh harriers that can often be seen skydancing as they are displaying to each other.

The reedbed is alive with sound as many of the summer warblers have come back from Africa and are shouting away. The chorus includes reed warblers, sedge warblers, reed buntings, Cetti's warblers, willow warblers, water rail and bearded tits.

It is the perfect time to get out into nature and enjoy the sounds of the summer!

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# Vulnerable urged to apply for free 'pulse oximeters' to reduce Covid-19 risks

Devices check a person's oxygen levels and help spot any deterioration early

**VULNERABLE** people in Sefton are being advised to apply for free 'pulse oximeters' to help them if they catch Covid-19.

The small medical device is put on the tip of the finger, to check someone's oxygen levels.

Thousands of people across the North West are already benefitting from the roll out of pulse oximeters and NHS leaders are calling for the most vulnerable people to come forward for the free service in order to help them manage Covid-19 at home and keep their minds at ease.

The service, which has already been offered to around 40,000 people in the North West is part of ongoing plans to help people manage Covid-19 effectively at home, and is available to people who are: diagnosed with Covid-19; either clinically or positive test result and symptomatic and either: aged 65 years or older or; under 65 years and at higher risk from COVID-19,



A type of pulse oximeter

or where clinical judgement applies considering individual risk factors such as pregnancy, learning disability, caring responsibilities and/or deprivation.

Pulse oximeters measure blood oxygen levels by transmitting light through a finger and are more accurate than smart watches or

phones which make less accurate readings by reflecting light off the skin.

It helps spot any deterioration earlier to allow for treatment which could halt someone's condition from worsening.

Steve Barnard, lead for 'Covid Oximetry @home' in the North West, said: "People all over the country are benefitting from pulse oximetry after contracting Covid-19."

"Whether you are 65 or over, pregnant or clinically extremely vulnerable, we would urge you to consider coming forward and using this service if you contract Covid-19. This will enable us to monitor your progress and make sure you continue to get better."

"It's really important people know how easy it is to access the pulse oximetry @home service and to reach out to their GP and ask them about it if they contract Covid-19."

# Water a wonderful idea! Station's pup-friendly offerings for customers

BURSCOUGH Bridge is included in the Northern stations rolling out pup-friendly provisions for its customers.

With warmer weather hopefully just around the corner, the train operator's new dog watering stations are available across 138 staffed stations to keep rail users' furry friends hydrated when they are out and on the go.

Mark Powles, customer and commercial director at Northern said: "Our customers are at the heart of everything we do – whether they are human or canine."

"Dogs are welcome on our services are we want to provide the best journey possible for everyone."

Mr Powles added: "Our 'A Better Way to Go' campaign demonstrates the hard work that has taken place as we continue to transform rail travel in the north, and I'd like to thank everyone who has been involved."



A water station like this will soon be at Burscough Bridge

Northern chiefs have revealed that the campaign, which will be seen in stations, on-trains and online, will also cover improvements including: a new fleet made up of 100 state-of-the-art trains; another 240 trains have been fully refurbished; an industry leading mobility scooter policy; roll-out of bodycam units; improved CCTV onboard and in stations; and car park refurbishments.

# Restaurant among finalists of national competition

MOOR Hall Restaurant with Rooms, in Aughton has been announced among the finalists by VisitEngland who will go forward to compete for the tourism industry's annual national Awards

for Excellence. Applications to the nationally recognised awards were put forward for judging from businesses across England including hotels, self-catering accommodation providers, B&Bs, glamping

operators, visitor attractions, restaurants, pubs and museums.

Moor Hall has been shortlisted in the Taste of England Award and will be up against Fischer's Baslow Hall, Derbyshire, and Lu Ban Res-

taurant, Merseyside.

All finalists are invited to attend the national awards ceremony on June 8 at the Library of Birmingham, where Gold, Silver and Bronze winners will be announced.

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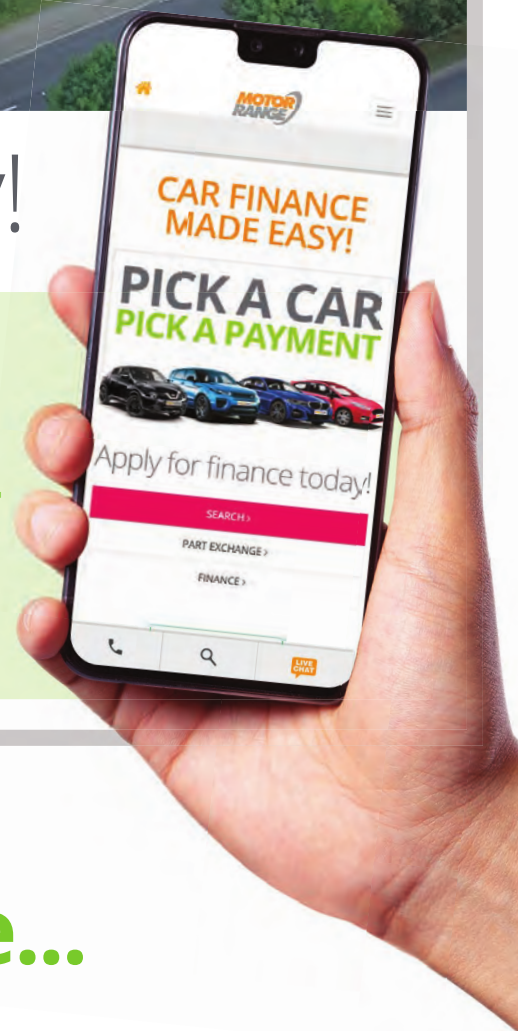
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Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner Andrew Snowden at the Mounted Branch in Hutton

# PCC visits Mounted Branch to find out how they fight crime

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner Andrew Snowden has visited Mounted Branch Headquarters in Hutton to hear first-hand how police horses help to tackle crime in the county.

During a recent tour of the site, the Commissioner met several of the horses kept by Lancashire Constabulary and some of the team who look after them and get them ready for action in a range of scenarios from busy events like football matches, protests and parades to community policing and patrols.

He also witnessed the horses put through their paces in

the training area and he thanked the team for their work. He spoke with them about the importance of the Mounted branch to policing in Lancashire, as well as planned investment into the facility.

PCC Andrew Snowden said: "I am incredibly proud of the horses and the work they do, not least because Lancashire is one of just a few forces across the whole country to have retained a mounted section.

"Lancashire is known throughout the country for the quality of training our horses receive, including dealing with potential riot situations, fire hazards, and loud music and during the past 12 months I have seen for myself the important and unseen role in policing here in Lancashire - and the positive impact they have in keeping people safe."

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# Career advice event to encourage more adults to start uni

Report by **Henry James**

A CAREERS advice programme will visit West Lancs College this summer to encourage more adults to think about starting university as a mature student.

Future U, which works across Lancashire to encourage more people to consider higher education, is hosting a range of events to inspire more people to start university, even if they left school years earlier.

The event at West Lancs College will be held on Thursday, June 9 from 2pm until 7pm.

Despite misconceptions that most university students are teenagers, in Britain mature students make up over half of university students, with one in five students more than 30 years old.

Despite considerable careers support to help young people leaving school and college to start university, more needs to be done to help mature students to access support around finance, childcare and employment challenges which can be seen as a barrier to accessing degree education.

Future U is hosting events at West Lancs College, as well as at Preston College and Burnley College to answer questions on starting university, interview techniques, work placements and academic writing. Education partners including Edge Hill University, University of Cumbria and University of Central Lancashire alongside current adult students will also be available to answer questions.

The events will be available for current college students as well as the general public.

Matt Lord, senior outreach officer at Future U, said: "The last two years have seen plenty of



The event will be held at West Lancashire College next month

people reassessing their life and work situation, pushing themselves to start new careers or improve skills.

"Plenty of people are changing their careers into fulfilling roles such as health care and nursing, but many jobs still require a university qualification.

"Adult learners can often feel like they won't fit in at university, that they're going to be the only one there.

"They can also face barriers to visiting universities that younger learners don't due to caring responsibilities or employment commitments.

"Many of our partner universities and colleges have been involved in the development of the roadshow, it's been a truly collaborative effort to develop something that can make a real impact on the futures of adult learners in Lancashire."

Future U works across Lancashire to increase the career and higher education knowledge of young people and adult learners.

It is part of the national Uni Connect Programme, funded by the Office for Students, and involves institutions and organisations across the county including West Lancashire College.



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Dot Broady-Hawkes with some of the youngsters

## Historian help pupils celebrate Queen's birthday

PUPILS at Ormskirk West End Primary School have been celebrating the Queen's 96th birthday.

On Thursday, April 21 they created their own crowns, learnt songs about past Queens, wrote stories, and enjoyed a visit from the 'Merry Monarch' - local historian Dot Broady-Hawkes.

Year 2 teacher and project lead, Emma Price, said of the day: "Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed our Merry Monarch Day, particularly the arrival of the Merry Monarch herself, who arrived in a regal purple gown and visited each class in turn, bringing history to life through her lively tales of Queens from the past."

"At Ormskirk West End we work hard to nurture our children's curiosity and their thirst for knowledge - our annual Merry Monarch Day is an excellent example of this aim."

"We've created artworks together, dressed up, performed songs and written stories, all inspired by the Queen's birthday and our children's passion for learning!"

## 15m Covid jabs given in region

THE North West NHS Covid-19 vaccination programme has reached another milestone after giving out 15 million jabs.

Since the vaccination programme began in December 2020, 15m vaccines have been delivered across the region, including more than four million top-up jabs.

NHS staff and volunteers continue to deliver vaccines at more than 300 vaccination sites across the North West, including mass vaccination centres, GP practices, pharmacies and hospital hubs, with pre-booked appointments and walk-in slots available.

The vaccination lead for the North West is celebrating the milestone, whilst encouraging anyone due a vaccine to come forward

and make sure they're protected.

Dr Linda Charles-Ozuzu, regional director of commissioning for the Covid-19 vaccination programme in the North West, said: "Delivering 15 million doses of the vaccine is a fantastic achievement and I'd like to thank NHS staff, partners and volunteers for their continued hard work, as well as the millions of people who have come forward to protect themselves and their loved ones."

"It's never too late to get vaccinated and I'd encourage family members who are due any dose of the vaccine, from children having their first dose to grandparents who are eligible for a spring booster, to come along together to get their vaccine."

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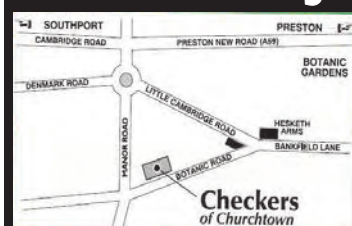


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We need to get more of our calories from plants

With rising temperatures, scientists and residents are unsure how to protect our soil. There is hope we can make it healthy again. However, as Eisenhower said "a lot depends on what we eat."

Do we need to eat these massive amounts of cheap meat, for example?" We are using our precious land to grow food to feed animals not humans. If we relied more on plant -

derived calories then our soil, health, pockets and our environment would be healthier. A win win.

CC,  
Ainsdale

Hospital car park payment system is far too confusing for users

On a recent visit to Ormskirk hospital I was astonished at the difficulty in the system used to park and then pay for exit on the hospital car park.

1) Entry to the car park is by barrier entry. There is no indication at this point what you should do! This is ludicrous. Do you wait for a ticket? Do you wait for the barrier to lift? What's the entry system if you have never used the car park before? There is no advice! If cars are behind you on entry this can cause unnecessary anxiety as at the point of entry it is so confusing!

2) If you decide to enter if the barrier lifts, as there is no ticket given what do you do next when you park up? There was no indication on the car park where I parked which said what you should do. With car parks operating fines for non payment when parking without paying, this is another point of confusion and anxiety. I had to ask someone who was randomly walking past what was the system when parking and was told your registration number is recognised on entry. This is not visible when you enter the car park and there was not a visible explanation where I parked to avoid any confusion.

3) On exiting the car park there is no indication to tell me to pay at the pay station at the hospital entrance. In addition, there is no indication when you enter your registration and pay the amount that you do not need a ticket or token to exit.

Again this caused confusion and I had to ask a random person again if I needed a ticket or token to exit the car park.

Most of us have seen the situation where someone cannot exit a car park because they haven't got their ticket to enter to exit. So exiting the car park is a worry when approaching the barrier and you are left wondering if it will lift on exit even when you have paid your fee.

This caused further anxiety as more cars were in the check behind and you are left wondering will the barrier open? Do I need a ticket or token? Have I been told the correct information by chance by a person in the pay station queue?

I like to think I have a reasonable amount of intelligence but doubted this on something sup-



Ormskirk hospital.

posed to be a relatively simple process which created so much confusion, anxiety and disbelief at the process in place.

Surely just before entry to the hospital car park there should be a high visibility sign with the following words to the effect:

'The barrier will lift at point of entry for your car. Your number plate will be registered after parking on the car park. There are no tickets or tokens issued. Please enter your registration at the pay station when you want to leave before returning to your car.

'Please pay the required charge. There are no tickets or tokens issued to leave the car park. The exit barrier will recognise that you have paid. You can then leave the car park at the exit barrier which will lift automatically on exit'.

I am sure that I am not alone in having to deal with this parking nonsense at the hospital.

I always think the process should be as simple as possible and should be easy to follow for anyone using the car park for the first time.

People who use the car park whether they are staff, patients or visitors do not need this additional burden. the current system defies belief.

It appears it has been made as difficult as possible to use the hospital car park which is unacceptable.

Marcus Hart,  
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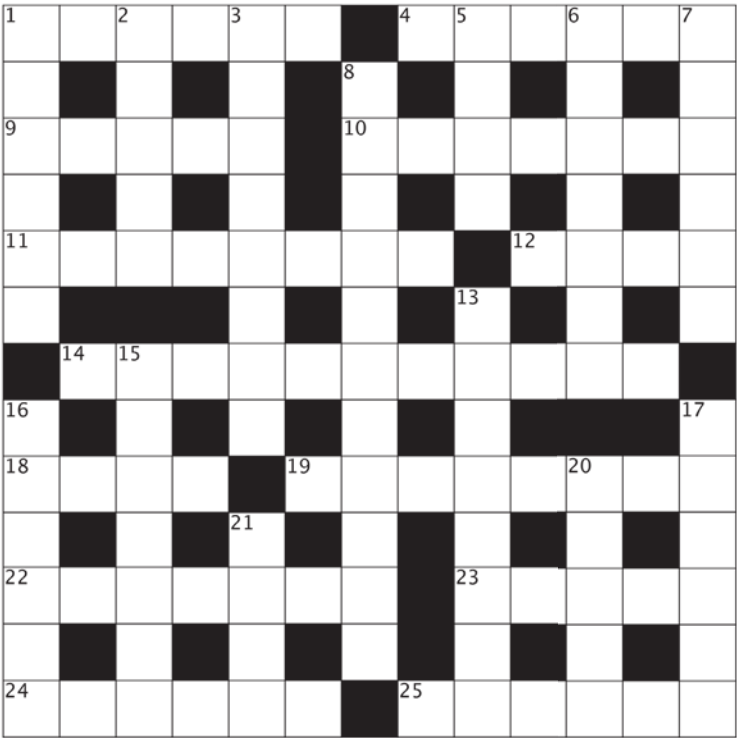
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ACROSS

- 1. A fault or imperfection in something (6)
- 4. Stay behind, hang around (6)
- 9. Circus entertainer (5)
- 10. A month of the year (7)
- 11. Say what someone is like (8)
- 12. Ammunition (4)
- 14. Mountainous European country (11)
- 18. Exit, leave (4)
- 19. PC or laptop (8)
- 22. Fred \_\_\_\_ (1899-1987) film star and dancer (7)
- 23. A sign of the zodiac (5)
- 24. Throws out, expels (6)
- 25. Capital of Greece (6)

DOWN

- 1. Ten years (6)
- 2. Thread used to clean between the teeth (5)
- 3. Building material made from cement, gravel, sand and water (8)
- 5. Consumes (4)
- 6. Egg white (7)
- 7. Of small width in relation to length (6)
- 8. Two over par (6-5)
- 13. Large Indian mammal (8)
- 15. Item used by a football referee (7)
- 16. Shape with four equal sides and four right angles (6)
- 17. A time of intense danger (6)
- 20. Two times (5)
- 21. A tartan skirt worn by men (4)

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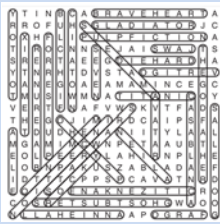
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# War hero urges gym members to take on challenge for charity

Report by **Henry James**

MEMBERS of Bannatyne's Health Club in Skelmersdale are being encouraged to take part in a fundraiser in aid of a charity set up by fellow member and Afghanistan war veteran and triple amputee Andy Reid MBE.

Andy's Standing Tall Foundation has partnered with this year's Born Survivor event in Macclesfield, which offers the ultimate physical challenge - a military standard obstacle course.

The Bannatyne Group is encouraging members at its clubs in Skelmersdale as well as Blackpool, Crewe, and Manchester to form teams to tackle the 10km challenge at Capesthorpe Hall on May 7.

The course will be set up using the natural terrain features with up to 30 military training-inspired obstacles with participants having to run, climb, haul, leap, slide and crawl their way round.

Andy, who lost both his legs and one of his arms in an explosion while serving in Afghanistan, has known the health clubs' founder Duncan Bannatyne since 2012 and is a member of the Skelmersdale club.

The Foundation initially focused on helping military veterans, but, in the wake of the adverse effects of the pandemic, has expanded its support to the wider community.

It now helps people with mental and physical health issues through the provision of counselling, addiction support and physical activity initiatives.



Andy Reid with Gemma Simpson from the Bannatyne health club Skelmersdale

It also aids those facing financial hardship, including the homeless, by providing grants, services or items to help them turn their lives around.

Mark Reynolds, Bannatyne Group North West regional manager, said: "Andy is truly inspirational and has done and continues to do so much to help people who are in need."

"Many of our members love to take on physical and mental challenges as part of their journey to maintain or improve their fitness and general wellbeing."

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The transformation has allowed dedicated areas for top brands, interactive touchscreens for customers to search a huge range of products, and a coffee area to relax in while pondering your decision.

Externally the showroom has recently been reclad and also has new signage, so the old logo has been hidden for posterity, but the new illuminated signs make the store easy to spot on Long lane, and only 2 minutes from the traffic lights at Longmoor lane, in Hartley Village.

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Skelmersdale players and staff celebrating in front of the fans after the match

## Five star Skem promoted after play-off victory

Howard hits four during thumping win in Gloucestershire

Cinderford Town 1  
Skelmersdale United 5

SKELMERSDALE United won promotion back to the Northern Premier League West after a resounding victory at Gloucestershire-based Cinderford Town, writes Kevin Panther.

After a gap of three seasons, they have returned after scoring five goals at Cinderford in front of a delighted group of 200 travelling fans.

Skelmersdale were much the better side from the start and it was no surprise when Mikey Howard struck their opener after 33 minutes.

Some of the travelling Skem fans who had made the 150 mile journey enjoyed the home sides half time hospitality a bit too much leading to many of them missing Howards second for Paul McNally's team just a minute into the second half.

Wingers Elliot Morris and Howard were tormenting their markers at every opportunity and the pair combined to set up Baba Conteh to tap in after 65

minutes to put the game out of reach of their higher placed opponents.

United skipper Ben Barnes, making his 100th appearance in goal for the club, was a mere spectator for most of the match, but there was nothing he could do to stop Cinderford making it 3-1.

But instead of the onslaught expected from the Southern League side, it was Skelmersdale who stepped it up another gear and after Danny Mitchley was upended in the box, Howard fired home to complete his hat trick on 88 minutes making it 4-1.

Howard scored his fourth of the match in added time.

Skem manager Paul McNally said: "We finished second in our league and should have rightfully been promoted, so we had to come here and prove a point.

"The support we had down here was amazing and I would like to thank the fans for their backing, not just today but throughout the season, they have been exceptional."

## Late winner sends United into Macron Cup semi-final

Macclesfield 2  
Skelmersdale United 3

THE dream weekend went on for Skelmersdale United as they progressed to the semi-finals of the Macron Cup with a dramatic last gasp victory at league champions Macclesfield, writes Kevin Panther.

The match came just 48 hours after a 300 mile journey and a night of celebrations after the pro-

motion win at Cinderford.

Skem took the lead via James Salkeld after 22 minutes, but Macclesfield hit back eight minutes later through leading scorer James Berry-McNally.

In a whirlwind first half, Skem's Tom Croughan put United in front again on 37 minutes.

As the game headed towards half time, the referee pointed to the spot and although Skem goalkeeper Ben Barnes stopped the

initial kick from Neil Dannels, the former Premier League player was quickest to react and drew the sides level again.

The second period was a cagey affair with neither side wanting to concede. As the game reached its final minute, Elliott Morris found Michael Howard in the box to score the winner.

Skem will now face Charnock Richard in the semi-final on Saturday at Chorley FC's stadium.

## Ormskirk cruise to victory over Orrell

ORMSKIRK beat Orrell Red Triangle by eight wickets on Saturday after dismissing them for 163 in 62.1 overs.

Zahir Shehzad was the pick of the bowlers claiming 4-44 while Tom Hartley took 3-53.

George Lavelle top scored for Ormskirk with 62, while opener Alex Rankin scored 53 before being

run out while fellow opener Robert Rankin scored 35 as they cruised to the target in 38.1 overs.

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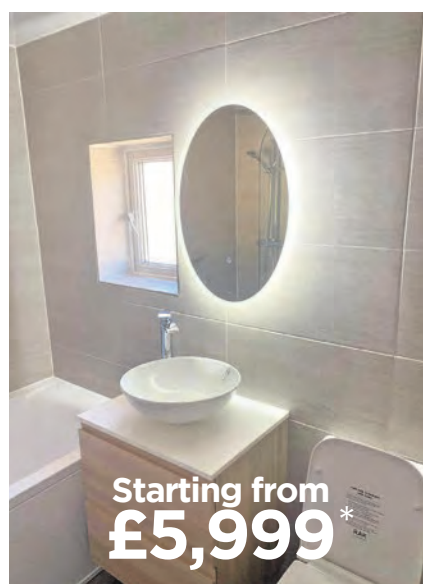
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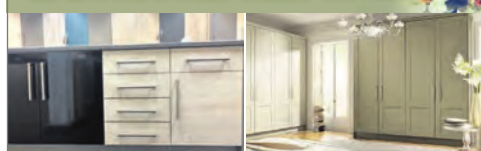
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Hilda's family would like to thank relatives and friends for their support, kind messages of condolences and their donations to the charities following her passing on the 12th April 2022.

Sincere thanks to the community specialist palliative care nurses, the oncology team, Norwood surgery and in particular Dr Fu. Lisa and the Hants Lane District Nurse Team and to Heather and Rebecca and their whole team at Elm House Nursing Home for their compassionate care.

Special thanks to Rev. Martin Abrams who led such a beautiful and heartfelt service for Hilda and the care and support he has offered to the family. Thanks to Liz and the team from Junes who sorted out such amazing floral tributes. Thank you to David's team at Massam and Marshall Independent Funeral Directors and in particular Charlotte and Tom in helping David to look after Hilda so well.

Thank you to Jim and his team at Master McGrath's who put on such a beautiful wake in the place that holds so many special memories for the family. Finally thank you to all Hilda's neighbours and friends from Scarisbrick and the surrounding areas who have made her life at Hillock Lane so special and enjoyable. We are all very grateful for everything you have done.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS****GASKELL  
STANLEY  
(STAN)**

Joan, Beryl and John would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness, cards of condolence and generous donations to Alzheimer's Research UK.

Thanks also to Rev. Michael Tindsley for such a thoughtful and lovely service and all who attended the funeral.

Thank you to the staff at Cookson Tyrer Funeralcare for their professional, but friendly, care and support.

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The family of the late Norman Woods would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and donations received during their recent sad loss.

Special thanks to Dr Bisarya and team, district nurses, Home instead, Acadia Care, The Derby Centre for their exceptional care of Norman.

Thanks also to Paul Griffiths for a beautiful service and to Melanie and team at H Hardman & Co funeral directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

**DEATHS****ARMITAGE  
JANE  
OLIVIA**

Peacefully at home  
on 11th April 2022  
aged 41 years

Much loved Daughter of Patricia Turner and David Armitage and dearly beloved Step Daughter of Ken. Loving Sister of James and Emily. Step Sister of Alison and Caroline and Sister-in-law of Nadia. A much loved Auntie of Reuben and Haydn, Charlotte, Harriet, Leighton and Lawrence. Jane will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

The family are gratefully receiving donations in favour of Unicef and the Cats Protection

Further enquiries to Moisters Funeralcare, 25a Sefton Street, Southport, PR8 6SG Tel: 01704 501501

**MOSS  
EDWARD  
RICHARD  
'EDDIE'**

Passed away peacefully  
surrounded by his family  
on 16th April 2022

Dearly loved Husband of Joan. Loving Father of Deborah, Darron, Geoffrey & Craig, Also loving Grandfather and Pops to his Great Grandchildren.

Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 10am Family Flowers only, donations if so desired to be sent directly to North West Air Ambulance.

Further Enquires to Louis Hunter MLS Funeral Directors 22A Liverpool Road North, Burscough, Lancs, L40 5TP 01704 891555

**DEATHS****WAKEFIELD  
MINNIE**

14/04/1924 –  
25/04/2022  
Aged 98 Years

Peacefully at Springfield Court Nursing Home. Reunited with Husband John (Jack) Wakefield. Loving Mum to Clifford (Dec), Philip and Pamela. Grandmother, Great Grandmother and Friend to many. Minnie will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

A Celebration of life Service will be held at Thornton Crematorium on Wednesday 11th May at 3pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations will be gratefully received for Dementia UK.

All enquiries to Graham J Clegg Funeral Service, Dover Road, Maghull, L31 5JB. Tel :0151 520 3330

**ROGERS  
KENNETH  
ALBERT**

Of Calder Avenue Ormskirk.

Peacefully passed away  
on 21st April 2022  
aged 80

He will be lovingly remembered by his Wife Mary, Son Andrew & Daughter-in-Law Gemma.

The Funeral Service is to be held at Southport Crematorium on Monday 16th May 2022 at 1pm. Family flowers only please but donations if so desired in Ken's name can be made to Dementia UK or the Alzheimer's Society.

All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors 128b Burscough Street Ormskirk L39 2EY Tel: 01695 572997

**DEATHS****LEE  
BARBARA  
Of Burscough**

Passed away peacefully  
in hospital  
surrounded by her  
loving family  
on 23rd April 2022  
Aged 70 years

Devoted Wife of Brian. Dearly loved Mum of Graeme and dear Mother-in-law of Jo. Much loved Nan of Harry & Noah and a loving twin Sister of Anne.

After the committal Service, there will be a Celebration of her life at Birkdale United Reformed Church, Grosvenor Road, Birkdale, Southport, on Wednesday 11th May, at 2.00pm. Family flowers only by request, but donations if so desired, can be sent directly to Queenscourt Hospice, Southport or Liverpool Clatterbridge Cancer Centre.

Further enquiries please to Sally Hunter. MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Road, North, Burscough. Tel: 01704 891555.

**EVASON  
JOHN**

on 24th April 2022  
Peacefully at home  
Aged 90 Years

Loving Husband of Pat. Devoted Dad of Tricia, Ian (Dec'd), Angela and Jonathon. Cherished Grandad and Great Grandad of all his Grandchildren, will be very sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 13th May at 1.00pm. Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice or Cancer Research UK.

All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

**DEATHS****FAIRCLOUGH  
JAMES  
WALTER**

Sadly passed away  
in hospital  
On 14th April 2022  
Aged 89 years



Adored Husband of the late Irene. Dearly loved Dad to Heidi, Peter and Keri, Proud Grandad to Louise, Emily, James, Rosie, Elliot, Douglas, Gabriel, Gina, Rachel and Natasha.

Walter will be greatly missed by all his Family and friends.

Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 12th May 2022 at 1pm. Family flowers only please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Macmillan Cancer Support. Colourful and cheerful dress code encouraged.

Further enquiries to Moisters Funeralcare, 25a Sefton Street, Southport, PR8 6SG Tel: 01704 501501

**YATES  
EMMA**

of Skelmersdale  
Peacefully in hospital  
on 24th April 2022  
aged 93 years

The dearly loved Wife of the late Tommy. Loving Mum of Sheila, David, Ann (deceased), Andrew and Alec and devoted Grandma to all her Grand and Great Grandchildren.

Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 16th May 2022 at 11:00am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired are being gratefully received for North West Air Ambulance.

All enquires to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012





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## DEATHS

### WARD ALLEN

Aged 70 years

Brother to the late  
Ann Hillman.  
Loving Uncle to John,  
Mark and Diane.  
Sadly passed  
peacefully at home  
on the 12th April.

Funeral service to take  
place at St John's  
the Baptist Church,  
Burscough on Tuesday  
10th May at 3:00pm,  
followed by a burial  
in Churchyard.

Donations to St John's  
the Baptist Church.  
Family Flowers only.

**Further enquiries  
and donations to  
David Wilkinson  
Independent  
Funeral Directors,  
291 Hesketh Lane,  
Tarleton PR4 6RJ  
Tel: 01772 811165**

## DEATHS

### GRESLEY-JONES ALAN

25th April 2022

Peacefully at Birch  
Green Care Home,  
Skelmersdale aged  
83 years

The dearly loved Dad  
of Alec, Ruth and Ian  
and devoted Grandad  
to all his Grand and  
Great Grandchildren.

Funeral service at  
St Helens  
Crematorium on  
Tuesday 17th May  
2022 at 2:00pm.  
Family flowers only  
please, donations if  
desired for North West  
Cancer Research.

All enquiries to  
Melanie Hardman at  
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Independent Family  
Funeral Directors  
Tel: 01695  
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## DEATHS

### WOOD KENNETH HOWARD

Formerly of  
75, Liverpool Road,  
Aughton.  
Passed away at  
Fairfield General  
Hospital, Bury  
on 20th April 2022  
aged 91 years

Much Loved Husband  
of June. Beloved Dad  
of Tony and Jeanette  
and a cherished  
Grandad of Robert.  
Ken will be sadly  
missed by his family  
and all those who  
knew him.

The funeral will take  
place on Tuesday  
10th May 2020  
at East Lancashire  
Crematorium,  
Cemetery Road,  
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## DEATHS

### ROBERTS (NEE RIMMER) CELIA

24th April 2022

Aged 91 Years

Passed away peacefully  
at home surrounded by  
her family

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Celia was a loving  
Mum, Nana, Sister,  
Auntie and Wife to the  
late Norman, a great  
friend to many and  
will be missed by all  
who knew her.

Funeral service at  
St George's United  
Reformed Church,  
Southport on  
Thursday 17th May  
at 12pm followed  
by committal  
at Southport  
Crematorium.  
Colourful clothes to  
be worn would be  
much appreciated.  
Family flowers only  
please but donations  
if so desired are being  
gratefully received  
for the British Legion  
Poppy Appeal.

Enquiries to Howard's  
Funeral Directors, 1-5  
Roe Lane, Southport,  
PR9 9DR.  
Tel: 01704 500086

## DEATHS

### RIMMER PHYLLIS Of Ormskirk

Peacefully

on 25th April 2022

aged 94 years

The dearly loved wife  
of the late Henry.  
She will be sadly  
missed by all  
her family.

Funeral service at  
West Lancashire  
Crematorium on  
Friday 13th May 2022  
at 2:00pm. Family  
flowers only please,  
donations if desired  
are being gratefully  
received for R.N.L.I.

All enquiries to  
Melanie Hardman at  
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Independent Family  
Funeral Directors  
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### RIMMER DORIS MARGARET

Peacefully at  
Dovehaven Care Home  
on 6th April 2022  
aged 93 years

Dearly beloved Wife of  
the Late Thomas Kyle  
Rimmer.  
Much loved Mother of  
Shirley and the Late  
Neil.  
Dear Mother-in-Law  
of David.  
Loving Nanny to  
Rebecca, Jessica and  
Freya.

Doris will be sadly  
missed by all her  
family.

Funeral Service and  
Committal will take  
place at Southport  
Crematorium on  
Monday 9th May  
2022 at 10.00am.

Family flowers only by  
request please.

Further enquiries  
please to: Porters  
Funeralcare, 111a  
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### WRIGHT STANLEY

Passed away peacefully  
on 24th April 2022  
Aged 89 Years

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of Sylvia. Loving  
Father to David and  
Alan. Father in Law  
of Sandra, Hazel  
and Karen. Devoted  
Grandad to Rebecca  
and Jacob. Great  
Grandad to Rudi.

He will be sadly  
missed by all his  
family and friends.

The family would like  
to thank Park Grove  
Care Home for their  
kindness and respect  
they gave to Stanley.  
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please.

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### JOSPICE LOTTERY WINNERS

**Friday 29th April 2022**

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**Friday 29th April 2022**

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		<b>040977</b> .....	<b>Mrs J Gavin</b>
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
(C131 POOL HEY LANE, SCARISBRICK,  
WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**  
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C131 Pool Hey Lane, Scarisbrick from a point 20m North East of the level crossing for a distance of 370m in a South Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0020 hours on until 0530 hours on Tuesday 24th May 2022 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C136 Wyke Road, Scarisbrick - C136 Wyke Cop Road, Scarisbrick - C136 Snape Green, Scarisbrick - A570 Southport Road, Scarisbrick and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow annual servicing of the level crossing to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of Network Rail.

Authority given for this Order to be made:  
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/34167/EW]



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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

Driverlink Training (NW) Ltd of Unity House, Westwood Park Drive, Wigan, WN3 4JB is applying for a licence to use Unit 49, Glebe Road, East Gillbrand Industrial Estate, Skelmersdale WN8 9JP as an operating centre for 7 good vehicles and 3 trailers.

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Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

### GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

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Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice.

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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
(U991 SANDY LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**  
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U991 Sandy Lane, Lathom from a point 205m South East of its junction with U905 Dark Lane, Ormskirk for a distance of 90m in a South Easterly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0800 hours and 1700 hours from Tuesday 31st May 2022 until Wednesday 1st June 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. **Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.**
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U905 Dark Lane, Ormskirk - U990 Lathom Lane, Ormskirk and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow repairs to overhead line damage to be carried out by Electricity North West.

Authority given for this Order to be made:  
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/36149/EW]



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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
(C110 SMITHY LANE, SCARISBRICK,  
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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C110 Smithy Lane, Scarisbrick from a point approximately 105m South West of its junction with B5242 Heaton's Bridge Road, Scarisbrick for a distance of approximately 90m in a South Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this Order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours on Monday 30th May 2022 until 1500 hours on Wednesday 1st June 2022 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- B5242 Heaton's Bridge Road, Scarisbrick - C133 Moorfield Lane, Scarisbrick - C133 Narrow Moss Lane, Scarisbrick - C133 Narrow Moss Lane, Ormskirk - U1070 Heskin Lane, Ormskirk - A570 Southport Road, Scarisbrick and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow investigatory works of a water pump to be carried out by Sapphire Utility Solutions on behalf of United Utilities.

Authority given for this Order to be made:  
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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C107 New Cut Lane, Halsall from C109 Renacres Lane, Halsall to the boundary with Sefton Council.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours on Monday 23rd May 2022 until 1700 hours on Sunday 31st July 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. **Access for residents will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.**
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Guildford Road, Sefton - Bentnams Way, Sefton - Town Lane Kew, Sefton - Scarisbrick New Road, Sefton (into West Lancashire Borough) - A570 Southport Road, Scarisbrick - B5243 Jacksmere Lane, Scarisbrick - C110 Heathley Lane, Halsall - C109 Renacres Lane, Halsall and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the installation of a new drainage system to be carried out by Lancashire County Council.

Authority given for this Order to be made:  
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/35312/EW]



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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
(U290 BESCAR LANE, SCARISBRICK,  
WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)  
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U290 Bescar Lane, Scarisbrick from X9948 Perch Pool Lane, Scarisbrick for a distance of 55m in a South Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0020 hours on until 0530 hours on Wednesday 25th May 2022 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is not possible owing to U290 Bescar Lane, Scarisbrick being a no through road.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow annual servicing of the level crossing to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of Network Rail.

Authority given for this Order to be made:  
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/34164/EW]



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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**  
**Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015**  
**NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 15 PUBLICITY FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**  
**PLANNING APPLICATION NO - LCC/2022/0015**  
**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - CONSTRUCTION OF 3 NO. KIOSKS AND ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING AT MERE BROW WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS, MERE BROW LANE, TARLETON**

I give notice that United Utilities Water Ltd is applying to the Lancashire County Council for the above development.

The proposed development is in Green Belt.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, plans and documents on the County Council's website [planningregister.lancashire.gov.uk](http://planningregister.lancashire.gov.uk) If you do not have access to the internet and wish to see the application details please contact the County Council on 01772 534181 or 01772 534129.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the County Council by 25 May 2022 at the above address, via email [DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk) or via 'Have your Say' on the County Council's website.

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Date: 4 May 2022



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**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - VARIATION OF CONDITIONS 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 21 AND 25 OF PLANNING PERMISSION LCC/2014/0008 TO ALLOW EXTENSION OF THE APPROVED MINERAL WORKING AREA AT RAVENHEAD QUARRY, CHEQUER LANE, UPHOLLAND**

I give notice that Booth Ventures LTD is applying to the Lancashire County Council for the above development.

The proposed development is within Green belt and would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981(a) applies.

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**APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**  
2022/0311/FUL Change of use of Lowes Farm Barn to create two new dwellings, including demolition of existing single storey lean to extension and new build extension. This includes 1no. 4BT family home with associated garage and personal workshop, along with a 2B4P apartment to the first floor with private entrance at Barn, Lowes Farm, Lowes Lane, Newburgh  
The application affects a Listed Building.  
2022/0320/FUL New build 3 bed residential dwelling at 1 Normanhurst, Ormskirk  
The application affects a Conservation Area.  
2022/0339/FUL Proposed extension and alterations to grade II listed building at 9 Whittle Lane, Wrightington  
The application affects a Listed Building.  
2022/0362/FUL Variation of Condition No 5 of Planning Permission 2020/0992/FUL relating to number of residents at Dam Wood, Hall Road, Scarisbrick  
The application affects a Conservation Area.  
2022/0366/FUL Full refurbishment of existing property including extension to first floor / roof alterations, ground floor single storey side extension, ground / first floor general arrangement re-composition and proposed variations to all elevations at 48 Granville Park West, Aughton.  
The application affects a Conservation Area.  
2022/0467/LBC Listed Building Consent - Change of use of Lowes Farm Barn to create two new dwellings, including demolition of existing single storey lean to extension and new build extension. This includes 1no. 4BT family home with associated garage and personal workshop, along with a 2B4P apartment to the first floor with private entrance at Barn, Lowes Farm, Lowes Lane, Newburgh  
The application affects a Listed Building.  
2022/0478/LBC Listed Building Consent - Proposed extension and alterations to grade II listed building at 9 Whittle Lane, Wrightington  
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The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website [www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning](http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning). If it is not possible for you to view the application via the Council's website, please contact the office to discuss alternative arrangements for viewing the application. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's website, by e-mail to [plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk](mailto:plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk) or in writing to Development, Heritage & Environment Manager, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.  
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development  
If an appeal is made against a decision to refuse to grant planning permission, and that appeal proceeds under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.  
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Personal data provided by you will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties. Some of this information, including your name and address, will be published. Further information about this is available online at [www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning](http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning) and hard copies are available on request.  
Heidi McDougall BSc (Hons), MBA Dated: 4th May 2022  
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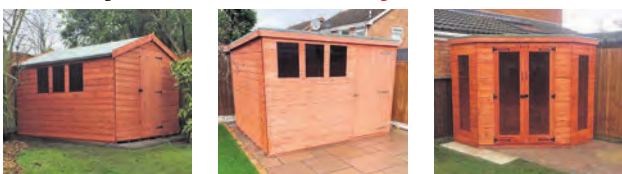
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LIVERPOOL to Brussels for just £30? Sounds tempting, but don't worry, this isn't the opening gambit of some ultra low-cost airline that's just started operating out of John Lennon Airport.

Your journey from the Mersey to the Belgian capital comes courtesy, in fact, of the Mercedes-Benz EQS AMG 450+ 245kW AMG Line Premium, which sounds like a toddler's just repeatedly pressed the predictive text button on your phone but is in fact one of the ritziest zero-emissions cars money can buy. It really will do 453 miles on a charge, and the £30 is what it'll currently cost you to charge it up at home, and even if you do fancy a top-up, that's only a half-hour stop for a cuppa at a motorway services. Just whisper it quietly that it costs £109,160.

The EQS is at the sharp end of what carmakers can do right now with electric car tech but the point that the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders has been making over the past week is that the entire Battery Electric Vehicle – or BEV, as it calls it – market is light years ahead of where it was a decade ago, when the Nissan LEAF first went on sale here.

Back then, it reckoned vehicles that you plugged into the mains accounted for just one in 1000 new car sales in the UK, but now, battery vehicles account for just over 16.1 per cent of the cars being sold here, with 39,315 of them finding homes in the last month alone. That's a 78 per cent jump on how many were being sold last year, by the way.

But the real thing that the SMMT wants to trumpet is why so many of you are buying them – how far they'll go. A few months ago I wrote a piece for this column that upset an awful lot of electric advocates because I said that a first-generation LEAF with a tired battery giving a



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45-mile range was not a good secondhand buy – and I stand by that. I honestly don't think you'd need to worry about range anxiety on the new ones, though – even if you haven't got a spare £109,160 lying around, MG's 5 can crack 273 miles in one hit, Citroën's E-C4 will muster 217 miles and Fiat's 500 runs out of puff at 199 miles. Anyone who says they wouldn't have pulled in for a brew before that point... is a liar.

I reckon that tech-wise electric cars aren't up 'n' coming – they're there (although it'd be nice if they were a bit cheaper). The big challenge now is laying on enough charging points for this rapidly growing market, because every time I go to a motorway services or a National Trust car park the handful of chargers are hogged by the same cars, which are always still there when you return an hour or so later.

There are apparently now more charging points in the UK than there are petrol stations, but the thing with petrol stations is that they can service multiple vehicles at once, that only need them for a few minutes each.

Put it this way – it's no good throwing £109,160 at an EQS if you're racking up a similar amount at Starbucks, waiting for the chap in the Audi e-tron to finish.

The chargers are way behind the cars. Your move, Boris...

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HYUNDAI has unveiled a new limited edition spinoff of its i30 Drive-N hot hatch. The imaginatively named Limited Edition model will be limited to just 75 cars for the UK, all of which will have dark bronze 19-inch alloy wheels, Alcantara interior trim and individually numbered badges, but tech-wise it's the same as the standard car, meaning you get a two-litre petrol engine sending 280bhp to the front wheels. UK prices are due to be announced in the coming weeks.

PRICES for the Ineos Grenadier will start at £49,000 when it goes on sale here on 18 May. The off-road workhorse, which is inspired by Land Rover's older models, will be offered both as a two-seat Utility Wagon model and as a five-seater Station Wagon model. You can also go to [www.ineosgrenadier.com](http://www.ineosgrenadier.com) to configure your model with all the possible options. If you do decide to go ahead, there's a £2,500 deposit needed to secure a build slot.

